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SUMMARY: FROM THE TIME OF FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUES
RETURN FROM TRIPOLI, LOCAL ROADIO AND PRESS HAVE CONTINUED
SERIES OF ARTICLES AND COMMENTIARIES PRESENTING GOC SIDE
OF STORY CONCERNING FAILURE OF JULY 4 NEGOTIATION WITH
FOLINAT. AMONG THE BROADCASTS AND REPRINTED ITEMS
HAVE BEEN FULL STATEMENT MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER KAMOUGUE
AT TRIPOLI MEETING, PARTIAL BORADCAST OF KAMOUGUE
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PRESS CONFERENCE AND CHADIAN PRESS AGENCY EDITORIAL ENTITLED
QUOTE SAVING FACE. UNQUOTE.

1. BEGINNING WITH RETURN TO NDJAMENA OF FOREIGN
MINISTER KAMOUGUE FROMTRIPOLI ON JULY 6, LOCAL MEDIA
HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO PUBLICIZE CHADIAN VERSION OF WHO
BEARS RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE OF PEACE TALKS WITH

FROLINAT. THREE MAJOR PIECES ARE STATEMENT BY KAMOUQUE
TO OTHER DELEGATIONS IN TRIPOLI, PRESS CONFERENCE BY
FOREIGN MINISTER AND EDITORIAL BY GOVERNMENT NEWS
AGENCY. ALL WERE BROADCAST ON RADIO AND
REPRINTED IN INFOTCHAD.

2. MAJOR THEME OF ALL THREE IS THAT MEETING FAILED
PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF INTRANSIGENCE BY OTHER SIDE AND
THAT TALKS WERE CONSIDERED MERE PUBLIC RELATIONS GESTURE
BY LIBYA TO PERMIT IT TO ATTEND KHARTOUM OAU CONFERENCE
IN ROLE OF PEACEMAKER RATHER THAN WEARING QUOTE
IMPERIALIST AND ANNEXATIONIST MANTLE. UNQUOTE. FROM
CHADIAN, FACT THAT FROLINAT DELEGATION WAS
HEADED BY LIBYAN IBRAHIM YOUSSEF DJOUELI AND INCLUDED
SEVERAL YOUNG STUDENTS ONLY RECENTLY CONVERTED TO CAUSE WAS
PROOF THAT OTHER SIDE HAD NO INTENTION OF NEGOTIATING
SERIOUSLY. IBRAHIM IS DESCRIBED AS NEPHEW OF WELL KNOWN BAHIT
DJOUELI WHO HAS BEEN WORKING FOR LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE
APRIL 13 COUP, WHILE STUDENTS ARE DESCRIBED BY KAMOUQUE AS
IRRESPONSIBLE FEANF TYPE ORGANIZATION WHICH JOINED FROLINAT
HARDLY ONE MONTH BACK.

3. DESPITE THE FEAR THAT OPPONENTS WILL SHOW TRUE COLORS ONCE
GLARE OF OAU SUMMIT PUBLICITY DIMINISHES, KAMOUQUE HAS RE-
EMPHASIZED WILLINGNESS OF CSM TO PUSH ON FOR NATIONAL RECONCILI-
ATION. FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED THAT PROBLEM CONTINUES
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TO BE AN AFRICAN ONE AND THAT NEIGHBORS SUCH AS NIGERIA,
CAMEROON, CAE OR EVEN OTHER COUNTRIES SUCH AS
SENEGAL, IVORY COAST AND ETHIOPIA COULD BE
MEDIATORS.

COMMENT: IN ADDITION TO PLACING BLAME ON OTHER SIDE AND ONCE
AGAIN SOUNDING THE CALL FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, TWO NEW
ELEMENTS STAND OUT IN THE VARIOUS STATEMENTS SINCE
JULY 6. FIRST, NEW COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE
MEDIATORS AND THE INCLUSION OF ETHIOPIA IS A DEPARTURE
FROM DEPENDENCY ON CONSERVATIVE ALLIES ALONE. SECOND, ALTHOUGH
BOTH FROLINAT AND LIBYA COME UNDER ATTACK, THE LATTER IS BY
IMPLICATION AND ALLUSION RATHER THAN DIRECTLY BY NAME. KAMOUQUE
ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE GOC DELEGATION WAS NOT CONSULTED CON-
CERNING THE DECLARATION FOLLOWING THE LAST TRIPOLI MEETING, AS
REFTEL POINTED OUT, BUT NO PARTICULAR BLAME WAS CAST ON LIBYA.
ALONG THE SAME LINE, THE FOREIGN MINISTER STRESSED
THAT EVEN IF GOUKOUNI MANAGES TO ASSUME CONTROL ONE DAY
COMPLEXITIES OF THE CHADIAN SITUATION WOULD SOON GIVE RISE
TO OTHER FROLINAT FACTIONS WHICH WOULD CARRY ON THE STRUGGLE.
IT WOULD BE INTERESTING IF CSM WILLINGNESS NOW EXTENDS TO TRYING
TO WORK OUT A MODUS VIVENDI IN ORDER TO SPLIT FROLINAT-LIBYAN

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